

CHARACTERS FOR FAMILY TREE

- ☐ **Berniece**
- ☐ **Boy Charles**
- ☐ **Boy Willie**
- ☐ **Crawley**
- ☐ **Doaker Boy**
- ☐ **Mama Berniece**
- ☐ **Mama Ester**
- ☐ **Mama Nellie**
- ☐ **Mama Ola**
- ☐ **Maretha**
- ☐ **Papa Boy Charles**
- ☐ **Papa Boy Walter**
- ☐ **Papa Boy Willie**
- ☐ **Wining Boy**

EVENTS FOR TIMELINE

- ☐ A lynch mob sets Boy Charles's house on fire.
- ☐ Boy Charles believes that the piano is a symbol of their bondage to the Sutters.
- ☐ Boy Charles develops an obsession over the piano.
- ☐ Boy Charles dies in the fire, along with the hobos in his car.
- ☐ Boy Charles flees to catch the Yellow Dog.
- ☐ Boy Willie receives an offer to purchase Sutter's land.
- ☐ Boy Willie visits his family in Pittsburgh.
- ☐ Doaker's grandmother Berniece and his father leave the plantation
- ☐ His ghost appears in Berniece's home.
- ☐ July 4, 1911: Boy Charles, Doaker, and Wining Boy steal the piano.
- ☐ Miss Ophelia starts to miss her slaves and attempts to trade them back
- ☐ Miss Ophelia falls desperately ill.
- ☐ Miss Ophelia plays the piano up until her death.
- ☐ Nolander refuses
- ☐ Robert Sutter owns the Charles family
- ☐ Robert Sutter's grandson dies.
- ☐ Rumors circulate that the Ghosts of the Yellow Dog pushed him in his well.
- ☐ Sutter asks Doaker's grandfather to carve the faces of the wife and child into the piano.
- ☐ Sutter does not punish Willie Boy because the carvings thrill Miss Ophelia
- ☐ Sutter hates the carvings.
- ☐ Sutter trades one and a half slaves for the instrument
- ☐ Sutter wants to buy Nolander's piano but cannot afford it
- ☐ The boys take the piano to Mama Ola's family in a neighboring county.
- ☐ The mob sets Charles's boxcar on fire.
- ☐ The mob stops the train and looks for the piano.
- ☐ The victims' spirits, "The Ghosts of the Yellow Dog," take the blame for the wells accidents.
- ☐ Those who set the fire begin falling in their wells.
- ☐ Willie Boy carves his immediate family into the piano.
- ☐ Willie Boy includes his mother, father, and various scenes from their family history in the carvings

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